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1. MALAYSIAN PRESS REACTIONS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM:

2. PENANG STAR: "EARLY SIGNS ARE THAT A MORE PRACTICAL AND INTELLIGENT POLICY WILL BE ADOPTED BY THE U.S. IN ASIA. THIS NEW POLICY WILL BE GUIDED BY THE LESSONS LEARNT, BY THE MEMORY OF THE NEEDLESS LOSS OF 55,000 AMERICAN LIVES IN VIETNAM, AND BY MORE CRITICAL PEOPLE IN THE U.S.

3. "WHETHER THE AMERICANS LIKE IT OR NOT, THE FALL OF INDO-CHINA HAS RENDERED THE PAST U.S. ASIAN POLICY OUT OF DATE. THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, HAS CONFIRMED THIS IN HIS STATEMENT THAT A NEW ASIAN POLICY WILL BE FORMULATED AFTER CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH REMAINING ASIAN ALLIES. THE COMFORTING PART OF HIS STATEMENT IS THAT THE COLLAPSE OF INDOCHINA DOES NOT SIGNAL THE END OF DETENTE WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING."

4. "SHOCK WAVES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FROM THE COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM ARE HAVING THEIR EFFECT, AND PRO-WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TRIMMING THEIR SAILS TO THE NEW SITUATION SEEKING A MORE MIDDLE GROUND.

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5. "SINCE THAILAND HAS LET THE UNITED STATES USE BASES ON HER TERRITORY FOR PROSECUTION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM, SHE NOW OBVIOUSLY FEELS THE GREATEST NEED--WITH THE CURRENT SETBACKS TO THE U.S.--VOCALLY TO DISSOCIATE HERSELF FROM THE U.S. YESTERDAY THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTER SAID AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN "ENORMOUS" U.S. PULL-OUT FROM THAT COUNTRY WILL BE MADE ON MONDAY."

6. STRYSVB TIMES, REFERRING TO VIETCONG, SAID: "THEY WILL INTERPRET THE PARIS ACCORD AS THEY WISH, INCLUDING THE STIPULATION THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IS "SACRED AND INALIENABLE," AND REUNIFICATION WITH NORTH VIETNAM A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS GOVERNED BY A COUNCIL OF NATIONAL CONCORD WHILE THE RIVAL ARMIES REMAINED IN PLACE AND THE CEASEFIRE WAS SUPERVISED BY AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION. INQUESTS AND RECRIMINATION ARE FUTILE. THE BASIC MISTAKE IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS ALLOWING NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS TO REMAIN IN THE SOUTH.

7" THE NEW GOVERNMENTS IN INDOCHINA WILL BE COMMUNIST. HOW NEUTRAL IS COMMUNISM? THE MAP OF SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS BEEN REDRAWN. THIS IS HARD FACT, NO CAUSE FOR FEAR AND WTILL LESS FOR PANIC, BUT IT CALLS FOR ASSESSMENTS WHICH CANNOT YET BE MADE. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SURRENDER AND PEACE WILL EMERGE SOON ENOUGH."

8. MALAY MAIL: "NOW SAIGON HAS BEEN TAKEN. SOON IT WILL BE KNOWN AS HO CHI MINH CITY. AS THE DUST OF THE FINAL BATTLE SETTLES, IT WILL BE THE HOPE OF HER NEIGHBORS THAT THE FUTURE WILL STAND FOR PEACE."

9. MALAY-LANGUAGE UTUSAN MALAYSIA: "WITH SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA TURNING RED, THE QUESTION OFTEN POPPED UP NOW IS WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT OF THE NEW POLITICAL STRUGGLE AND REALITY TO THE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA? ONE THING IS CLEAR--THE REACTION OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. MOST COUNTRIES IN ASIA GENERALLY AND SOUTHEAST ASIA SPECIFICALLY ACCEPT THE NEW REALITY WITH A FEELING OF RELIEF AND LOOK AT IT MORE FROM THE HUMANITARIAN ANGLE RATHER THAN POLITICAL."

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10. MALAY-LANGUAGE UTUSAN MELAYU: "THE VICTORY OF THE COMMUNISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON THE EVE OF MAY DAY--WOULD CERTAINLY OPEN A NEW ERA FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN POLITICS. THE VICTORY CAN BE CONSTRUED AS THE END OF WESTERN INFLUENCE--FRENCH AND AMERICAN--IN INDOCHINA. IT CAN ALSO MEAN RIDDING FOREVER WESTERN INFLUENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

11. CHINESE-LANGUAGE NANYANG SIANG PAU: "IN THE PAST THE U.S. WAS WRONG IN HER ASSESSMENT OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN INDOCHINA AND STUBBORNLY RESORTED TO MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOLVING PROBLEMS, OF WHICH A MAJORITY WERE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IN NATURE. THE U.S. HAS FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE NU ONLY

Y STATEMENTS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENTS OF CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM, NANYANG SAID: "COMMENTING ON THE END OF THE WARS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE POLICY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE TWO NEW GOVERNMENTS IN THESE COUNTRIES ON THEIR INTENTION TO PURSUE A POLICY OF PEACE, NON-ALIGNMENT, INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY, THE PAPER SAYS THAT "IF THIS IS REALLY THE ATTITUDE OF THE TWO NEW GOVERNMENTS, THERE WILL BE GOOD PROSPECTS OF PERPETUAL PEACE IN THE NEW CHAPTER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NOT ONLY THE NEW GOVERNMENTS IN INDOCHINA, BUT ALSO THE ATTITUDE OF THE NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON THE NEW CHAPTER. THESE NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS WILL HAVE TO GET RID OF ALIEN INFLUENCE AND TO CO-EXIST PEACEFULLY WITH NEIGHBORING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES."

13. CHINESE-LANGUAGE SIN CHEW JIT POH COMMENTING ON RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS SAID: "THE COLLAPSE OF THE SCHEDULED AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE REFLECTS THE FACT THE PRESTIGE OF THE U.S. IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAS IS SINKING. ESPECIALLY WORTHY OF NOTE IS THE FACT THAT SOME LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION IN BID TO DIMINISH FURTHER WASHINGTON'S INFLUENCE IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAS." ITEM.

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